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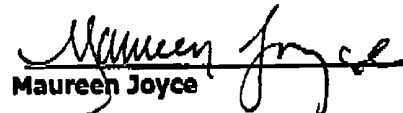
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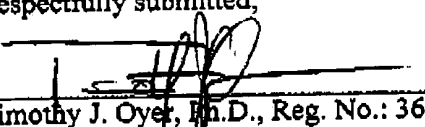
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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.183

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 for suspension of rules.

Applicants had submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on February 27, 2004, requesting that the Patent Office consider references previously submitted to the Patent Office in a prior application, Serial No. 09/284,447 of which the instant application is a divisional. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1), copies of these references were not submitted to the Patent Office, as the earlier application (09/284,447) was properly identified in the IDS, and was relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 in this application.

On June 3, 2004, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Allowability, in which the Patent Office indicated that many of the references cited in the IDS filed February 27, 2004 had been lost by the Patent Office, and were thus not considered.

Although it would seem that the expense of doing so would not necessarily be fairly borne by the Applicants, to ensure that these references were properly considered by the Patent Office, in response to the Notice of Allowability, the Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on September 3, 2004, along with some of the extensive list of references.

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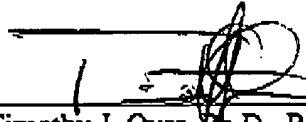
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The remaining references, once re-ordered or otherwise assembled by the Applicants, were filed in a second IDS on November 18, 2004.

Subsequently, on December 13, 2004, the Patent Office issued a second Notice of Allowance in which the first IDS had been considered, but the second IDS had not been considered.

Thus, it is now expected that the Applicants will have to file yet another RCE, so that the Patent Office can finally consider the references that the Patent Office had previously lost, the requirement of submission of which in this case is specifically excluded by Rule 98(d)(1). Applicants believe this expectation to be unfair and contrary to the Rules. Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition the Patent Office under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 to suspend the rules and allow entry of the IDS in this application, to allow the Patent Office to consider those references.

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